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I. Military

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- b. The special service unit was attached to an unidentified mechanized division headquarters which was located in Gyor (N 47-68, E 17-62), Hungary, until 31 December 1956, and in Szekesfehervar (N 47-12, E 18-26), Hungary, after 31 December 1956. [redacted] the headquarters was to move to Hejmasker (N 47-18, E 18-26), Hungary.

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c. The actual strength of the mobile special service unit was one officer and three enlisted men.

d. [ ] unit travelled throughout Hungary, however, it would return periodically to division headquarters located at Gyor and Szekesfehervar.

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e. There were no training areas used by this unit.

f. For the unit's present location, see paragraph 1.b above.

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h. The commanding officer of the unit was Senior Lieutenant Agafonov (fnu).

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j. The unit received no recent training.

## 2. Other units [ ]

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a. Carpathian Military District Headquarters. as of 12 November 1956, the headquarters of the Carpathian Military District was located in Lvov (N 49-50, E 24-00), Ukrainian SSR. The commanding officer of the district as of then was General of the Army Batov (fnu).

b. First Guards Artillery Breakthrough Division, Supreme Command Reserve (Pervaya gvardeyskaya artilleriyskaya diviziya proryva, Rezerv verkhovnogo glavnogo kommandovaniya-RVGK).

[ ] the First Guards Artillery Breakthrough Division, with additional, unrecalled honorifics, was the official title of the division.

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(1) [ ] in some respects, the division was subordinate directly to an unidentified headquarters in Moscow, but administratively and logistically, it was subordinate to the Carpathian Military District.

(2) Division headquarters since 12 November 1956 was at a military camp in the vicinity of Nesterov (N 49-42, E 25-23), Ukrainian SSR. [ ]

[ ] the division had been located here since 1947.

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(3) [ ] the division [ ] consisted of the following:

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- (a) 2nd Brigade, [redacted] The commanding officer was an unidentified colonel. 25X1
- (b) 3rd Brigade [redacted] The commanding officer was an unidentified colonel. 25X1
- (c) 16th Brigade 25X1
- (d) 306th Brigade
- (e) 309th Brigade
- (f) An unidentified heavy-mortar brigade.
- (g) An unidentified field maintenance brigade [redacted] and whose commanding officer was Lieutenant Colonel Bobryshev (fnu). 25X1
- (h) An unidentified anti-tank regiment. 25X1
- (i) 27th Separate Motor Vehicle Transport Company. [redacted] The commanding officer of this company [redacted] was Captain Portyanenko (fnu). 25X1
- (j) An unidentified music platoon [redacted] whose commanding officer was Major Lebyedka (fnu). 25X1
- (k) An unidentified chemical platoon [redacted] whose commanding officer was Lieutenant Tolkachov (fnu). 25X1
- (l) An unidentified field maintenance shop [redacted] whose commanding officer was an unidentified major. 25X1
- Four of the numbered brigades were possibly artillery brigades.
- (4) The training areas used by the division were in Magerov (N 50-08, E 23-42), Ukrainian SSR, which was used as a summer training area, and in Ivana Franko (N 49-55, E 23-44), Ukrainian SSR, where the chemical warfare range used by the Carpathian Military District was located. Chemical units of the division attended the chemical training exercises here.
- (5) The commanding general of the division was General-Major of Artillery Vladimir Ivanovich Kupin.

[redacted] 25X1

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- (7) The major items of equipment in the division [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] were: 25X1

- (a) An unknown number of both 152-millimeter gun howitzers M1937, possibly the ML-20, and 152-millimeter guns possibly the BR-2.
- (b) 20 to 30 GAZ-63 cargo trucks, which were received in spring 1956, and Studebaker cargo trucks.
- (c) Unidentified radio activity detection instruments.
- (d) Unidentified chemical detection instrument.

[redacted] an unidentified full-tracked armored recon- 25X1  
naissance vehicle [redacted] in Nesterov in mid- 25X1  
October 1956. However, [redacted] did not know whether this vehicle,  
which was referred to as the mobile observation post  
(peredvizhnoy NP-nablyudatelnyy punkt) was a division  
vehicle [redacted] estimated this turret-less vehicle to be four 25X1  
meters long, two meters high, and two meters wide. [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] the vehicle, which had a three or four-man 25X1  
crew, was heavily guarded. [redacted] the vehicle had 25X1  
a gun which was fully retractable into the conning tower.

- (8) In summer 1956, most of the brigades [redacted] 25X1  
participated in exercises at Magerov under simulated atomic  
conditions. [redacted] not know whether these exercises 25X1  
were offensive or defensive in nature. [redacted] 25X1  
foreign troops, including Rumanian, participated in the  
exercises.

- c. Possible unidentified airborne unit located near Pskov  
(N 57-50, E 28-20), Pskovskaya Oblast. [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] an unidentified airborne unit was located on the 25X1  
outskirts of Pskov [redacted]

d.

[redacted] units located in the immediate vicinity of Nesterov:

- (1) An unidentified infantry unit at Rava-Russkaya (N 50-15,  
E 23-36), Ukrainian SSR, located ~~some~~ 30 kilometers west of  
Nesterov.
- (2) An unidentified infantry unit at Mosty Velikiye (N 50-25,  
E 24-20), Ukrainian SSR. 25X1
- (3) Seventh Rifle Division. [redacted]
- (4) Ninth Rifle Division. [redacted]

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e. Locations and Sightings in Hungary

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[redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] the following unidentified units:

- (1) An unidentified armored unit at Mor (N 47-28, E 18-13), allegedly with Hungarian and Soviet troops, equipped with T-54 tanks and armored personnel carriers. 25X1
- (2) [redacted] troop concentrations [redacted] of over 2,000 men, as well as a field with three or four heavily-guarded, well-concealed, one-story warehouses in Hejmasker (N 47-18, E 18-26). 25X1
- (3) An unidentified casern housing Hungarian and Soviet troops in Tataanya (N 47-55, E 18-50). [redacted] approximately 30 T-54 tanks here and heard from the casern personnel that a mechanized unit was located here. 25X1
- (4) An unidentified casern housing Hungarian and Soviet troops in Tata (N 47-25, E 18-60). [redacted] approximately 60 ZIS-151 cargo trucks here, and heard from casern personnel that an unidentified mechanized unit was located here. 25X1
- (5) [redacted] an unidentified military unit in a casern in Sopron (N 47-65, E 16-55). 25X1
- (6) [redacted] an unidentified military unit in Mashonmagyarovar (N 47-80, E 17-50). 25X1

3. [redacted] there were no movements of military units into the area [redacted] 25X1

4. [redacted] there were no significant increases in military personnel. 25X1

5. [redacted]

6. [redacted] not notice any increase in either the number of military vehicles or in the amount of movement of such vehicles

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7. [redacted] there were no noticeable increases in the number of military aircraft. 25X1
8. [redacted] no knowledge of increases in critical equipment. 25X1
9. [redacted] one IL-28 at an airfield near Debrecen (N 47-50, E 21-65). Hungary, on 23 or 24 November 1956 [redacted] 25X1
10. [redacted] in Nesterov in 1956, at an ammunition dump, a crated, unidentified, rocket-type projectile which was approximately ten feet long, one foot in diameter, and with no fins. [redacted] 25X1  
this rocket projectile was fired without the use of a launcher and had an adjustable flight time (sic).
11. [redacted] 25X1
12. [redacted] these two units moved into Hungary in November 1956.
- a. In early November 1956, at Nesterov, [redacted] two 30-truck serials depart on separate days from the 306th Brigade for Hungary. The trucks, which were not loaded, carried only their drivers. 25X1
- b. [redacted] that the remainder of the 1st Guards Artillery Breakthrough Division was scheduled for movement to Poland at some unknown future date. The brigades, which had already departed, were either to return prior to the division's departure, or they were to join the division in Poland later. 25X1
- [redacted] 25X1
14. [redacted] if the 1st Guards Artillery Breakthrough Division were to move out, it could only move approximately 200 kilometers on its basic fuel load. [redacted] there were two ZIS-151 POL trucks in the 27th Separate Motor Vehicle Transport Company and two or three ZIS-151 POL trucks in each brigade. 25X1
15. [redacted] unit received no instructions recently on what to do if captured by the enemy. 25X1
16. [redacted] an atomic burst took place in Chkalovskaya Oblast, RSFSR, in July or August 1954. Unidentified divisional officers and troops from the 2nd Brigade participated in the exercise. The exercise, which lasted approximately three months, began in July 1954 and ended in October 1954. The single burst exploded just above the surface, allegedly being released from an altitude of 15 kilometers. Tanks, goats, and sheep were used for experimental purposes. Tanks within a 600-meter radius were melted. Tanks within a 1,000-meter radius were not destroyed, but sheep within these tanks were burned to death. Troops were allegedly dug in as near as 1,600 meters from ground zero, and as far distant as four to six kilometers from ground zero. 25X1
17. [redacted] officers' meetings at the 1st Guards Artillery Breakthrough Division Headquarters increased during the period 25X1

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of the revolt in Hungary. All of these meetings were held in secret. 25X1

18. [ ] there have been no signs of increased enforcement of security measures [ ] 25X1  
[ ] 25X1

II. Civilian 25X1

1. The only information of an emergency nature from the civilian section [ ] was the following: [ ] 25X1  
[ ] there was a very strong feeling of animosity by the civilian population toward Soviet military forces in Western Ukrainian SSR. 25X1  
[ ] officers in the Nesterov casern were permitted to carry weapons both on and off duty, while enlisted personnel were discouraged from leaving the casern. 25X1  
[ ] this hostile feeling was not as prevalent in the smaller towns as in the case of larger towns. In the city of Lvov (N 49-50, E 24-00), for example, it was not uncommon to have incidents, mostly murders of military personnel, occur at least once a month. 25X1
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